

Thankful for Our Faculty

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JAMIN VER VELDE ('99)

DASH THE DEFENDER

During Late Night with the Defenders, a surprise visitor was introduced to the packed house at De Witt Gymnasium. Dash the Defender made an appearance at a few athletic events over Defender Days weekend, bringing energy in a new form to the Dordt faithful.

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6 Two professors investigate a genetic mutation that is often carried by people of Frisian descent.

10 Dordt's Agriculture Stewardship Center expands its livestock and greenhouse facilities, offering more hands-on learning for students.

11 Criminal justice majors participate in a deputy training program that certifies them as reserve officers.

12 Once again, Dordt tops *US NEWS* list for best undergraduate teaching in the Midwest.

24 Dordt staff work hard to help students and their parents manage the cost of a Dordt University education.

32 In his twenty-five years in the technology industry, Eric Gray has been at the forefront of the launch of many popular apps.



34 Dordt grads Terry Katsma ('80), and Devin LeMahieu ('95) are colleagues in the Wisconsin state legislature.

36 Jane Wolterstorff ('82), one of Dordt's first social work graduates, has spent her 40-year career serving clients.

THANKFUL FOR OUR FACULTY

This fall, Dordt was named the top Midwest regional college for undergraduate teaching in the *U.S. News and World Report* 2022 rankings. Rankings aren't everything, but it is exciting that our faculty and administration have been recognized for their commitment to teaching students well. Read through this issue of *The Voice*, and you might notice just how dedicated Dordt faculty are.



A criminal justice professor has partnered with the Woodbury County Sheriff to create an opportunity for students to become Iowa reserve peace officers while in school. A mathematics professor is driven to help actuarial science majors succeed so he took an actuarial science exam to better understand what his students need to know. Agriculture faculty are looking for ways to help their students get hands-on opportunities with livestock during their four years at Dordt. And alumni who work in politics and technology pinpoint experiences with faculty at Dordt that shaped their worldview and career trajectory.

As Dr. Teresa Ter Haar says, "Our faculty play an integral part in what makes Dordt "Dordt," and we are grateful for the work they do every day to live out our mission to "equip students, alumni, and the broader community to work effectively toward Christ-centered renewal in all aspects of contemporary life."

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